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SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

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1. AT FEBRUARY 18 POLADS DURING THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF NAZISM, CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) REPORTED ON A YUGOSLAV INVITATION TO THE FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN THAT COUNTRY IN THE AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR. THE YUGOSLAV SPONSOR IS THE COUNCIL OF ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES AND ARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD TO MARK THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II BUT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR AT OPTIJA. SPECIFICALLY, ITS THEME IS TO STUDY "THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD WAR II AND THE PROBLEMS OF WAR AND PEACE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD IN GENERAL". MR. ROLAND MICHENER, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA AND NOW PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, RECEIVED AN INVITATION THROUGH THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN OTTAWA, AND APPARENTLY HAS APPROACHED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES FOR GUIDANCE.

2. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO LEARN WHETHER PROMINENT CITIZENS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ALLIED COUNTRIES

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COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO THIS CONFERENCE, AND IF SO, WHAT ALLIED REACTIONS WOULD BE.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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